



JAMES HOFFMASTER

James L. Hoffmaster, son of Verna and Lester Hoffmaster, was born and raised in rural Lebanon and Lancaster Counties in Pennsylvania along with his brother, David, and four sisters: Connie, Linda, Nancy, and Janet. He was a 1965 graduate of Norristown High School in Pennsylvania. In high school he participated in soccer and wrestling, receiving several honors for his achievements in wrestling. Jim was also an active member of the student government and Key Club.

In 1969 Jim graduated from Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania. He was enrolled on a full athletic scholarship. At Ursinus he captained the wrestling team for three years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. Later, a Master's Degree as Principal/Supervisor was completed at Jersey City State University.

Jim's teaching career began in Plainfield, NJ from 1969 to 1970. In September of 1971 he was hired by Dr. Lawrence DeBellis as a high school history teacher, and he moved to Point Pleasant. He is currently in his 35th year of teaching. Jim has always encouraged students to broaden their high school experience by being active in extra curricular activities, especially athletics. As a result, you will still find him as a member of the high school coaching staff in soccer and wrestling as well as being a certified NJSIAA Track and Field official. Jim has also shown dedication to the High School Dramatic Arts department. For many years Jim assisted in the design and construction of sets for many

of the high school plays.

During the 1980s Jim was elected to two terms on the Point Pleasant Town Council. He also coached soccer for the Point Pleasant Soccer Club and is a member of the Point Pleasant Elks #1698.

Jim is not the only Hoffmaster to be associated with the Point Pleasant School system. His wife, Karen, is the media specialist at the Ocean Road School Library Media Center. His five children have all attended Point Pleasant Schools. Michael was a district winning wrestling champion in high school. He is now a dentist in Lawrence, NJ. Kerry, a Point Pleasant resident, enjoyed a successful business career and is now a stay-at-home mom. Becky is a colleague of Jim's at Point Pleasant High School. She is a teacher in the Fine Arts Department. Katie is a successful restaurant manager at Escondido's in Freehold, NJ. Molly, his youngest, is currently a very active fifth grade student at Ocean Road Elementary School. Jim also has three future Point Pleasant students with his grandchildren, Madison, Kyle, and Jack. A memorial scholarship that benefits Point Pleasant students has been established in memory of his granddaughter, Paige Elizabeth.

Jim has always been proud to call Point Pleasant his home, and he is extremely honored to be inducted into the Point Pleasant Foundation for Excellence in Education's Hall of Fame.
